

Brampton Sep^r 30th 1766.

I am much oblig'd to an Ambassador of
the King of Great Britain for condescending to
think of me amidst his great political
employments. And I will not delay writing
to him that He may see how much I
value his correspondence, tho' I may not
have any thing much worth his knowledge
to communicate to him. — The public changes
amongst the great you must have heard
of from others. So Chatham or L. Cheatem
as the violent ones call him has been
much petted by scriblers ever since He
took his place & title, but I think there
appears now as much commendation as
abuse of Him in the papers. Indeed those
who are for as well as those who are
against him seem to think that He can
do every thing He will, & call upon him
as the man who alone can save or destroy
this Country. His present situation in short
gives one a very high idea of his
consequence, & if his first measures chance
to be approved when the Parliament meets
He will appear as great as when He
lanca ses foudres par toute la Terre. —

I pity your poor Italians for their want of
Corn, for I fancy England cannot or should
not assist them at present. Our own harvest

is not a good one this year, & Corn is now
so dear that the public clamour is very great
against permitting any to be exported. Indeed
it is said that an immediate stop would be
put to it, but that our Rulers have not
proper authority to take such a step till
the Parliament meets. I am not Lawyer
enough to know how well founded such
an opinion is. — I congratulate you much
on the advances you make in investigating
Antiquity, & greatly commend your undertaking.
The Etruscan vases I know but little of
myself, but I dare say your good taste
will find out as much as possible from them.
only have a care of System; that is, do not take
a particular fancy into your head & then
explain every thing according to it. I
remember hearing much at Rome of an old
Etruscan City discover'd somewhere near Corneto
which contain'd many Vases & other riches.
Have you been there? — Pray take care
as soon as your Press sweats at Naples,
to send us what it produces. — Now for
some account of your private Friends. Lady
Spencer is delightfully well, & has been so ever
since she came from Italy; but poor Lord
Spencer has again been attack'd this summer
with his old complaint in his bowels. I
really trembled for him: which you know
I have some reasons to do from motives of

Interest if I did not from those of Friendship.
For I do not find myself at all advanced in
the way of Preferment tho' so many changes
have happened amongst the great; & should any
thing befall him I think it very likely I
may never get out of the little Parsonage
House from whence I now write to you. However
He is now thank God so much recovered as
to have set out for Bath, where they hope
the waters will set him up again soon.
When He is able He will certainly come to
althorps & hunt, which I am convinced is
the properest Physic for him. Apropos: He
is to have this year the range of
the whole Pitchley Hunt which
Mr. Selby has quitted; an event, which
tho' of such consequence to Fox Hunters,
may not have been communicated to
by any of your English Correspondents. —
I was at Northampton Races last week where
I saw your curious Brother. He seems to
live very jolly in his wild way at Northampton,
but I hear He has lately taken ^{the late} Lady Ann
Schylls house at Dallington, which is to
be lett till her Daughter comes of age.

I can think of nothing more worth mentioning
to you at present, but I will let you know
how the Althorps Party goes on this Christmas.

I shall send this to Secretary Sutton & hope
it will arrive safely at Naples. — I beg
my Compts. to Mrs. Hamilton, and am
Yrs. very
sincerely
Harden

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Son Excellence Mons^r. Mons^r. Hamilton

à Naples
en Italie?

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